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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UNTC, TQ
SUBJ: CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (COM) LETTER CONCERNING
ALLEGATIONS OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN MICRONESIA

REF: A) 76 HICOMTERPACIS 300930Z (NOTAL)
B) 76 USUN 5448 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (TC)
SECRETARY ABEBE HAS INFORMED US THAT HE HAS RECEIVED THE
LETTER FROM COM SENATE PRES. NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER
HENRY REFERRED TO IN REF A. THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER,
WHICH WAS ERRONEOUSLY ADDRESSED TO UK CHARGE JAMES MURRAY
(NOW TC VICE PRESIDENT RATHER THAN PRESIDENT), WERE
ACCURATELY REPORTED IN REF A. ABEBE HAS PASSED LETTER TO
TC PRESIDENT SCALABRE (FRANCE). THE SPECIFIC REQUESTS
CONTAINED IN THE LETTER ARE THE FOLLOWING:
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"1. THAT YOU AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, REQUEST ON
OUR BEHALF AN OPINION OF THE UN OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
AS TO THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTERING
AUTHORITY CONDUCTING ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE AGAINST
MICRONESIANS; WHETHER, INDEED, THE ADMINISTERING
AUTHORITY HAS VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF THE

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TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT;

"2. THAT THE COUNCIL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
THIS ISSUE DURING THE 44TH SESSION, AND TO TAKE
A POSITION WITH REGARD TO PAS SURVEILLANCE
ACTIVITIES; AND

"3. THAT THE COUNCIL REQUEST THE ADMINISTERING
AUTHORITY DURING THE 44TH SESSION TO DELIVER A
POLICY STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL WITH REGARDS TO ITS
POSITION ON SURVEILLANCE OF MICRONESIANS IN THE
FUTURE."

ATTACHED TO THE LETTER WERE: THE STORY WHICH APPEARED
IN THE DECEMBER 12, 1976 ISSUE OF THE WASHINGTON POST,
THE JOINT COM STATEMENT OF DECEMBER 14, 1976 AND
AMBASSADOR MANHARD'S REPLY, DATED DECEMBER 18, 1976.
TEXT POUCHED TO CUTTER IO/UNP.

END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: ABEBE TOLD US HE BELIEVES THE
LETTER AND ATTACHMENTS SHOULD BE CIRCULATED AS A
PETITION TO THE TC (WHICH RECEIVES GENERAL DISTRIBUTION)
BUT THAT THE TC PRESIDENT DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY
TO SEEK AN OPINION ON THE QUESTION OF ELECTRONIC
SURVEILLANCE FROM THE UN LEGAL COUNSEL WITHOUT A FORMAL
DECISION BY THE TC. (THE NEXT REGULARLY-SCHEDULED
SESSION OF THE TC COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE SOME TIME
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AFTER JUNE 6.) ABEBE ALSO BROUGHT UP TC PRESIDENT
SCALABRE'S CONCERN THAT THE REPORT OF THE 43RD TC
SESSION REQUIRES AMENDMENT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE
COMMENTS CONTAINED IN THE OCTOBER LETTER FROM SENATOR
NAKAYAMA REPORTED IN REF B. ABEBE BELIEVES THAT
CIRCULATING THE LETTER SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

3. SCALABRE, HOWEVER, LATER MENTIONED TO US THAT HE
THOUGHT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TC MIGHT BE
NECESSARY IN ORDER TO AMEND THE TC REPORT. WE
INFORMED HIM OF OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW THAT SUCH A MEETING
IS NOT NECESSARY AND THAT CIRCULATION OF SENATOR
NAKAYAMA'S LETTER SHOULD PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE RECORD OF
HIS CONCERNS AND VIEWS. SCALABRE SAID HE WISHES TO
AVOID A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TC IS POSSIBLE.

4. AMBASSADOR RAWLS EXPECTS TO CALL ON SCALABRE AND
MURRAY IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO SOLICIT THEIR VIEWS ON THE
LETTER DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPH 1. WE PLAN TO DISCOURAGE

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ANY REQUEST FOR THE LEGAL COUNSEL'S OPINION NOW, ANY CONSIDERATION OF THE LETTER IN ISOLATION, AND ANY SPECIAL TC SESSION TO TAKE UP THE LETTER AND/OR RELATED MATTERS.
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